

House File 2162 - Introduced

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BY WILLS

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to persons authorized to carry firearms on
2 school grounds, including in a school building.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 724.4B, subsection 2, Code 2020, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* A person designated by a governing school
4 body pursuant to subsection 3.

5 Sec. 2. Section 724.4B, Code 2020, is amended by adding the
6 following new subsection:

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. *a.* As used in this subsection:

8 (1) "*Governing school body*" means the board of directors
9 of each public school district or the authorities in charge of
10 each nonpublic school.

11 (2) "*School grounds*" includes a school building.

12 *b.* A governing school body is authorized to designate
13 one person per one hundred students, or a fraction of one
14 hundred if there are more than one hundred students in a school
15 building, to be armed with a firearm to assist in providing
16 safety to students and personnel in that school building. The
17 number of students shall be the number enrolled at the end of
18 the previous school year. Such person shall be recommended by
19 the county sheriff for the county in which the greatest number
20 of students of the school district or nonpublic school reside.
21 In addition to firearm safety training required to obtain a
22 permit to carry weapons, the person shall have completed school
23 safety training approved by the county sheriff.

24 *c.* The county sheriff shall approve the type of firearm
25 a designated person shall be allowed to carry on the school
26 grounds.

27 *d.* The designated person shall have immunity from
28 prosecution or damage claims when the person acts within the
29 scope of the person's authority granted by a governing school
30 body to protect students and school personnel in the school
31 building in which the person is authorized to be armed.

32 *e.* A person's designation pursuant to this subsection shall
33 be valid for the school year in which the person is designated
34 unless the governing school body votes to remove the person's
35 designation prior to the end of the school year. The governing

1 school body may designate the person for additional school
2 years without requiring additional school safety training.
3 However, the county sheriff may recommend and the governing
4 school body may approve additional training.

5 EXPLANATION

6 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill relates to persons authorized to carry firearms on
9 school grounds, including in a school building.

10 Current law generally prohibits a person from going armed
11 with, carrying, or transporting a firearm of any kind on school
12 grounds. The bill authorizes a governing school body, as
13 defined in the bill, to designate 1 person per 100 students,
14 or a fraction of 100 if there are more than 100 students in
15 a school building, to be armed with a firearm to assist in
16 providing safety to students and personnel in that school
17 building. The person shall be recommended by the county
18 sheriff for the county in which a majority of the students
19 in the school district or nonpublic school reside and the
20 individual shall have completed school safety training approved
21 by the county sheriff. The county sheriff shall approve the
22 type of firearm the person shall be allowed to carry on the
23 school grounds. The bill provides immunity from prosecution
24 or damage claims to the person if the person acts within the
25 scope of the person's authority granted by a governing school
26 body to protect students or personnel in the school building
27 in which the person is authorized to be armed. The designated
28 person shall serve for the school year in which the person is
29 designated unless the governing school body votes to remove the
30 person's designation prior to the end of the school year. The
31 governing school body may designate the person to serve for
32 additional years without requiring additional training, but the
33 county sheriff may recommend and the governing school body may
34 approve additional training.